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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FIND OWNER OF GOATS

The Sand Fire has placed in excess of 800 animals in the care of the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal and Control at various evacuation sites and care centers. Because the burn area is home to many ranches and horse properties, many of the animals were livestock. The hope is the fire will pass and the animals will be reunited with their families shortly thereafter. In one unfortunate case however, a distraught goat owner thought she had not only lost her home in the fire, but her three (3) goats as well.

An animal control officer from the Castaic Animal Care Center was assisting in evacuations on the 27000 block of Oak Springs Canyon Rd. in Canyon Country which was directly in the fire zone. The residents living at 27512 Oak Springs Canyon Rd. were ordered to evacuate immediately, so they were forced to leave behind three goats on the property. When the patrolling DACC animal control officer saw the goats in the yard, he was able to quickly secure them and safely take custody of them. He transported them to the Castaic ACC where they remain today. None of the three were injured and seem to be enjoying their stay at the ACC. An alert ACC Manager suggested officers canvass the neighborhood after the fire passes to see if the owner can be located. Sadly, the property at 27512 Oak Springs Canyon Rd. was discovered burned to the ground. Animal control officers canvassed the area and spoke with a neighbor who knew the couple who lived there. They provided the names of the residents from that property and a search of the DACC database revealed a couple of phone numbers on file. DACC staff were able to make contact with the female owner and she came to the Castaic ACC to identify the goats. She was emotional and explained that she doesn't have a home at the moment and asked if the ACC would continue to care for them. Staff assured her the goats will be kept safe and she agreed to stay in touch while she and her husband put their lives back together and looked for a new place to live.

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